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## Development of Policy

1. Very thorough research and study precedes any enunciation of Soviet policy. The procedure is this:
  - (a) Each ministry appoints a committee to study policy matters under consideration. These committees concern themselves only with actual facts, disregarding ideological aspects.
  - (b) The Politburo receives and considers the facts as presented by the committees. Politburo members discuss the pros and cons of the subject freely. After the Politburo has reached a decision, Party ideology is incorporated into it.
  - (c) The policy is turned over to the executor, who must act in strict accordance with orders, making no interpretation whatsoever. Andrei Gromyko, for example, is only an executor, or mouthpiece.

## The New International

2. The revived International is in most respects a continuance of the Comintern. Under its local leaders, [Redacted Box] can independently call strikes, incite riots and cause sabotage. The International sets policy and, from the Belgrade headquarters, co-ordinates the activities of the local leaders. 25X1

## Soviet Leaders

3. The Soviet leaders are not working for the USSR but for an international revolution. Each war is a step along the road for the Communist planners. Stalin, for example, counted on World War II to advance his party's cause considerably, and is counting on another war to further the world revolution even more.
4. As a result of power gained through his control of the political police, Beria is first choice as Stalin's successor. Neither he nor any other successor, however, will be able to match Stalin's great personal power.

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5. Zhukov still stands high in the Soviet hierarchy, and is master of Rumania, where his name reputedly is more honored than Stalin's.

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